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September 10, 1985

TO: Memo to File

FROM: Thomas J. Suchoski, Geologist *AS*

RE: Buffalo Tunnel Operation, Hack 'n Mack, DOE/045/012, Tooele County, Utah

On August 28, 1985, Wayne Hedberg, Dave Hooper and Tom Suchoski, of the Division staff, met with Mary Beth Martin, and George Campbell, Bureau of Land Management, (BLM) for the purpose of viewing exploration and mining operations for which the BLM has a concern in the Rush Valley Area of Tooele County, Utah. Seven sites were visited on this field trip.

The sixth site visited was the Buffalo tunnel mine site up Ophir Canyon, elevation is approximately 8300 feet. Mr. Campbell stated this operation has been active within the past two years. A review of the Division files shows a DOE filed for this operation. DOE/045/012 was received March 23, 1985. The facilities consist of a shop, an old wooden structure, a trailer, rail spurs, mine dump and two pieces of heavy machinery. The machinery found on site consisted of an International front end loader and Hough pay loader. The rail spurs run into an underground adit which is presently open. The adit has free flowing air coming out of it so it's apparently connected to another opening somewhere on the other side of the ridge. An effort should be made to contact the operator of this facility to have the portal closed at a minimum during those periods when it won't be in operation. A steel bulk head was found approximately 65 feet inside the adit opening. This steel door was ajar and did not prevent entrance to the mine. Six pictures were taken at the Buffalo tunnel mine site.

The BLM address for the developer of the Buffalo Tunnel is:

Mr. Louis W. Cramer  
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An attempt will be made to reach him with the concerns of the Division.

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